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Serial No.: 09/235,986

Examiner: M. Allen

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For: PROCESS FOR PAN-GENOMIC DETERMINATION
OF MACROMOLECULAR ATOMIC STRUCTURES

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

 X Small entity status of this application under
37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by
a verified statement previously submitted.

 A verified statement to establish small entity
status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.

 X No additional fee is required

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Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Presented <u> </u> Yes <u> X </u> No							135	270		0
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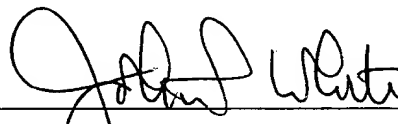
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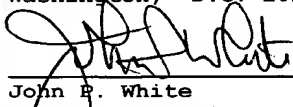
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION

This Communication is being personally delivered to Primary Examiner Marianne Allen of the United States Patent and Trademark Office along with a photocopy of the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 In Response To June 18, 2001 Final Office Action which was submitted by applicants on August 17, 2001 by facsimile and by first class mail to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in connection with the above-identified application.

In a telephone conference on August 2, 2001 between the undersigned and Primary Examiner Allen, the undersigned requested an interview by applicants and applicants' patent attorney in person with Primary Examiner Allen to discuss the June 18, 2001 Final Office Action (and references cited therein) which was issued by the Patent Office in connection with the subject application.

Primary Examiner Allen stated that she very recently was assigned to examine the application, after Jeffrey Lundgren, who had been the Patent Examiner assigned to the application and issued the June 18, 2001 Final Office Action, left the Patent Office.

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Primary Examiner Allen also stated that she had not had a chance to study the subject application nor its file history. Primary Examiner Allen stated that if applicants file a written response to the Final Office Action, rather than conduct an interview, first, it would give her time to study the application and its file history, along with applicants' response.

Primary Examiner Allen further stated that, if applicants submit a written response to the Final Office Action first (i.e. before conducting an interview), she will examine the application in view of applicants' response and the subject application's file history, and take one of the following Examiner actions within the Patent Office rules and guidelines (which provide that a response to a final action should be processed and considered promptly by the Patent Office):

- (a) issue an Advisory Action if applicants' response does not overcome the final rejections of the pending claims; or
- (b) if applicants' response overcomes the final rejections of the pending claims, a further search for relevant art may be conducted and Primary Examiner Allen will either
 - (i) issue a non-final Office Action with rejections based (at least in part) on newly found art, or
 - (ii) issue a Notice of Allowance.

Primary Examiner Allen also stated that if she is not persuaded by applicants' response and issues an Advisory Action which maintains the final rejection of the claims, she will grant applicants an interview, if applicants request one.

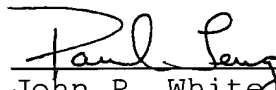
Therefore, applicants' undersigned attorneys request that, after the Examiner has decided on the action to take with respect to the subject application or if an interview would be of assistance

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in advancing prosecution of the application, the Examiner telephone them at the telephone number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul Teng", is written over a horizontal line.

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